

IMAP Mail Folders

IMAP mail folders are a good way to organize email that you'd like to save. Mail folders are text files stored in the 'mbox' format. They are located under your linux home directory. By default, the CS IMAP server will use the 'mail' directory under your linux home directory to store/access imap folders.

When you are using an IMAP client, the mail server will automatically look for existing mail folders under the "mail" directory in your linux home directory. If you don't have that directory when you first log into the new mail server with an IMAP client, the directory will be created for you automatically. Most IMAP clients will let you create new folders, delete unneeded folders and move emails from your INBOX to a folder.

If you already have your folders stored elsewhere in your home directory, you must move them to the ~/mail directory in order for them to be viewable – this is best done by first quitting out of mail and using the linux shell to move them:

Example: Moving current mail folders from ~/Mail to ~/mail

Quit out of your mail program

Log into mercury.cs.uml.edu using ssh.

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mkdir mail (if already there, system will respond with 'File exists')
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cd Mail
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cp -r * ../mail
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Done – you should also remove the old mail folders to free up disk space.

Please email admin AT cs.uml.edu should you have further questions.